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SUBJECT: PRESENTATION OF LUNAR SAMPLE TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU

REF: STATE 113609

1. ON OCTOBER 10 AMBASSADOR PRESENTED TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU AT ELYSEE LUNAR SAMPLE AND FRENCH FLAG BROUGHT BACK FROM MOON BY APOLLO 17 MISSION AND ACCOMPANYING LETTER FROM PRESIDENT NIXON.

2. PRESIDENT POMPIDOU'S REMARKS ON ACCEPTING THE APOLLO 17 ITEMS, WERE UNUSUALLY WARM AND EMPHASIZED HIS APPRECIATION OF U.S. INCLUSION OF FRANCE IN OUR SCIENCE AND SPACE EFFORTS. ATMOSPHERE OF THE CEREMONY, WHICH AT PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE LASTED 20 MINUTES LONGER THAN SCHEDULED, WAS CORDIAL AND, BY ELYSEE STANDARDS, RELAXED AND INFORMAL. OTHER PARTICIPANTS WERE DCM, CPAO, SCIENCE COUNSELLOR, NASA REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE, DIRECTOR OF PALAIS DE LA DECOUVERTE (FRANCE'S MOST IMPORTANT SCIENCE MUSEUM WHERE APOLLO 17 ITEMS WILL BE PERMANENTLY DISPLAYED) AND SMALL GROUP PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL AND TECHNICAL AIDES.

3. MEDIA COVERAGE OF PRESENTATION (WHICH WAS COMPETING FOR ATTENTION "INTER-ALIA" WITH MIDEAST WAR AND VICE PRESIDENT AGNEW'S RESIGNATION ANNOUNCED SAME DAY) HAS SO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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